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SUBJ: PEOPLES ASSEMBLY RESPONSES TO GOVERNMENT
POLICY STATEMENT

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1. PLEPLES ASSEMBLY DEPUTY SPEAKER OTEIFI READ PEOPLES ASSEMBLY
RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT (REFTEL) AT DEC. 9 PLENARY
SESSION. ECONOMIC ASPECTS ARE BEING REPORTED BY SEPTTEL. CHIEF
FOREIGN POLICY POINTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A) NEED FOR ARAB FUNDING. EGYPTIAN PEOPLE HAVE EXPANDED L.E. 10
BILLION, IN ADDITION TO HUMAN LIVES, IN DEFENDING ARAB NATION.
ARAB SOLIDARITY SHOULD CONSEQUENTLY AIM AT ESTABLISHING ARAB FUND
FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT SIMILAR TO US MARSHALL PLAN;
THIS WOULD COMPLEMENT RABAT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ARAB
MILITARY SUPPORT FUND.

B) PLO SELF-DISCIPLINE. PLO MUST SHOULDER RESPONSIBILITY OF
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DEFINING LEGITIMATE ACTS OF RESISTANCE AS OPPOSED TO ADVENTURES

WHICH SERVE ONLY THE ENEMY.

C) CONFEDERATION OF ARAB REPUBLICS. CAR(EGYPT, SYRIA, LIBYA)
SHOULD SHAKE ITSELF LOOSE OF PRESENT CONDITION OF STAGNATION.

D) SOVIET/ME POLICY. PLACING ARAB CAUSE ONCE AGAIN "IN DEEP
FREEZE" WOULD NOT BE IN INTEREST OF WORLD PEACE. ASSEMBLY LOOKS FOR-
WARD TO A "MORE POSITIVE SOVIET STAND"IN SUPPORT OF JUST
PEACE DURING BREZHNEV VISIT.

E) US/ME POLICY. READINESS OF USG TO PLAY POSITIVE ROLE IN
HELPING ACHIEVE JUST PEACE IS PRAISEWORTHY, BUT DRAFTING COMMITTEE
DENOUNCES STATEMENTS OF CERTAIN RESPONSIBLE US OFFICIALS AS
DEMONSTRATING UNFRIENDLY ATTITUDE TO ARAB STATES, ESPECIALLY OIL
PRODUCERS, AND IS CONCERNED ABOUT USG INVITATION FOR OIL CONSUMER
CONFERENCE WHICH IGNORES FRENCH PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. COMMITTEE "CONNOT IGNORE" DECISION TO SEND US AIRCRAFT
CARRIER AND MISSILE BEARING DESTROYERS INTO GULF. HOWEVER, " IT IS
BELIEVED THAT US SINCE WEEK OF OCTOBER WAR HAS UNDERSTOOD JUSTICE
OF ARAB WAR..." FURTHER "IT IS HOPED US HAS REALIZED ANY EFFORT TO
BRING ARAB CAUSE TO STANDSTILL AGAIN WILL NOT PROMOTE ARA PEACE
AND WILL MENACE POLICY OF WORLD DETENTE."

2. COMMENT: ASSEMBLY PREDICTABLY CAME OUT INTO THE OPEN
DEMANDING ARABS ANTE UP MORE HARD CASH. RESENTMENT HAD BEEN GROWING
HERE, ESPECIALLY PRIOR PM HEGAZI'S RECENT SWINGS THROUGH GULF,
THAT EGYPTIANS HAD NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY RECOMPENSED FOR FIGHTING
WAR ON BEHALF GEOGRAPHICALLY REMOTE ARABS. POINTED REMARKS ON
HOPE THAT USSR WILL BE MORE POSITIVE IN ITS ME POLICY ARE RATHER
AMBIGUOUS; THEY SHOULD PROBABLY BE TAEKN TO REFER TO GOE NEED
FOR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE RATHER THAN AS AN APPEAL
TO RECONVENE GENEVA. COMMENTS ON USG ARE MODERATE AND REFLECT
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